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RECENT TACHEN OPERATIONS

Following is a chronology of events of the past six weeks in the Tachen area. The seizure of many of the smaller islands in the area and the build-up of Chinese Communist troops there, suggest that the neighboring islands are being used as a staging area for the Tachen operation.

Communist forces in the immediate area are believed to be strong enough to capture the Tachens, garrisoned by 7400 Nationalists, whenever sufficient transportation is available. Loss of the Tachens would have little effect on the survival potential of the Chinese Nationalists government on Formosa.

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CHRONOLOGY

29-31 May Five Nationalist-held islands attacked
and occupied by Chinese Communist forces
from Weichow.

8 June Ten Chinese Communist vessels landed troops
at Tachahua (28-38/121-47) about 15 miles
nw of Tachens. This was first indication
of Chinese Communist landing on island north
of Tachens.

22-23 June Chinese Communists land on Chienshamen
(28-22/121-42) and Chikushan. (Chikushan is
within light artillery range of Little Tachen.)

24 June 1,000 Chinese Communist troops reportedly
landed on Toumen (28-42/121-46)

24 June Chinese Communist prisoners captured on
Talushan reveal Chinese Communist plan to
seize Talushan, Chikushan and Pishan prior
to a six-regiment attack on the Tachens.

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Prisoners indicated that Tachen operation would take place within three months after initial action (29 May) against Talushan.

28 June Occupation of Chienshan (28-121-22, Tatungling (n 28-08/121-28) and Chikushan (28-24/121-44) completed during past three days.

There have been several lesser operations against islands in the Tachen area in this period.

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